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TAGS: PREL, OYIP (SCOWCROFT, BRENT), CH, US  
SUBJECT: CHINESE OFFICIALS AND LOCAL CONTACTS UPBEAT  
-- ON RESULTS OF VISIT BY NATIONAL SECURITY  
-- ADVISOR SCOWCROFT AND DEPUTY SECRETARY  
-- EAGLEBERRY

1. CONFIDENTIAL -- ENTIRE TEXT.

2. IN MEETINGS THIS WEEK WITH OFFICIAL AND NON-OFFICIAL CHINESE CONTACTS, EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE HEARD OVERWHELMINGLY POSITIVE REACTIONS TO LAST WEEKEND'S VISIT BY NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR SCOWCROFT AND DEPUTY SECRETARY EAGLEBURGER. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AT THE MFA, OTHER MINISTRIES, THINK TANKS, AND EVEN LOCAL MERCHANTS HAVE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS VISIT FOR BEGINNING THE RESTORATION OF SINO-U.S. RELATIONS.

3. REACTIONS BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS: INDICATIVE OF THE POSITIVE FEELING BY CHINESE OFFICIALS WERE COMMENTS MADE BY MIDDLE-LEVEL OFFICIALS DECEMBER 13-AND 14 AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY DURING SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS ON SUBJECTS OTHER THAN SINO-U.S. RELATIONS. ALL MENTIONED THE TRIP AS A ~~VERY IMPORTANT FIRST STEP BY THE PRESIDENT~~ AND ~~TOUCH TO ASSURE~~ ~~KNOWLEDGE~~ ~~THAT THERE WOULD BE A RESPONSE BY THE CHINESE SIDE~~ IN A MEETING THIS WEEK. [ ] OPENED TALKS WITH ECONOMICANS BY SAYING, "NOW THAT RELATIONS ARE BACK ON TRACK. . ." AN OFFICIAL [ ] TOLD ECONOFF ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, THAT "ALL OF US WERE HAVE BEEN WATCHING THE TELEVISION OVER THE WEEKEND AND ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THIS DEVELOPMENT."

4. THINH TANK EXPERTS PRAISE VISIT; [REDACTED]  
EASTERN EUROPEAN SPECIALISTS AT THE CHINESE ACADEMY OF  
[REDACTED] EXPRESSED THEIR DEEP PLEASURE  
ABOUT THE VISIT AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR IMPROVED  
SINO-U.S. RELATIONS. THEY SAID THE U.S. HAD CLEARLY  
MADE THE FIRST MOVE, AND NOW CHINA MUST MAKE AN  
APPROPRIATE RESPONSE. [REDACTED] ACKNOWLEDGED  
THE POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES FOR PRESIDENT BUSH RESULTING

FROM NEGATIVE REACTION IN THE UNITED STATES.

SAID THAT RECENT EDITIONS OF REFERENCE MATERIALS CIRCULATED BY THE HOUSE SELECT PARTY MEMBERS, HAVE CONTAINED HARMFUL ARTICLES FROM AN INDIVIDUAL CRITICAL OF THE SCHOENFELT VISIT.

3. MORE [ ] REACTION: ASKED HOW THE CHINESE "MAN IN THE STREET" VIEWS THE VISIT, THEY SAID THAT, WITH VERY FEW EXCEPTIONS, CHINESE WHO CARE ABOUT THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEE RELATIONS MOVE BACK TOWARDS NORMALIZATION. [ ] WENT ON TO SAY THAT, ALTHOUGH MANY CHINESE MAY BE UNHAPPY WITH THE JUNE 3-4 CRACKDOWN, ITS AFTERMATH, AND THE CURRENT REGIME'S POLICIES, THERE EXISTS A DEEP TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES. MORE SIGNIFICANTLY, THEY SAID, MANY-CHINESE PEOPLE RECOGNIZE THAT IMPROVED SINO-U.S. RELATIONS MEAN MORE INTELLECTUAL EXCHANGES AND ECONOMIC-COMMERIAL TIES. ~~WITH THE EXISTING POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION IN CHINA, THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAS TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING POLICIES:~~  
~~STATES AND THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT MUST TAKE THE FOLLOWING POLICIES:~~  
~~WORD RECEIVE DESPERATELY NEEDED SUPPORT FROM ABROAD.~~  
[ ] SAID THEY BELIEVE MOST CHINESE KNOW THAT CLOSE RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. CAN ONLY RESULT IN FURTHER REFORMS AT HOME AND A BETTER ECONOMIC SITUATION FOR EVERYONE, NOTWITHSTANDING ATTEMPTS FROM WITHIN TO BLOCK REFORMS.

6. PRIVATE REACTION : MERCHANTS ON A BUSY DOWNTOWN THOROUGHFARE COMMENTED POSITIVELY ON THE VISIT DURING A CHAT WITH ENBOFFS EARLY THIS WEEK. ONE SAID, "RELATIONS BETWEEN US ARE GOOD NOW, RIGHT?"

7. A COMMENT FROM THE PROVINCES:

WAS "VERY GLAD" TO HEAR OF THE VISIT, WHICH IS AN  
"AUSPICIOUS STEP" IN RELATIONS BETWEEN CHINA AND THE  
UNITED STATES.

8. EMBASSY OPERATIONS: SOME EMBASSY OPERATIONS HAVE ALSO BEEN EFFECTED POSITIVELY BY THE VISIT. THE ECON. SEC. SECTION REPORTS THAT PREVIOUS DIFFICULTIES IN SETTING APPOINTMENTS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICERS HAVE PASSED THIS WEEK. MOREOVER, THE SECTION'S TOP INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM VP CANDIDATE, WHO EARLIER INFORMED US HE WOULD BE UNABLE TO TRAVEL THIS YEAR, TOLD ECON MINICONS ON DECEMBER 13 HE WOULD WANT TO TRAVEL TO THE U.S. AS PROPOSED.

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